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January 18, 2019

Via email: Mini.Watson@sbafla.com

Mini G. Watson Director of Policy, Risk Management and Compliance Office of Defined Contribution Programs State Board of Administration of Florida 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Ste. 100 Tallahassee, FL 32308

RE: Brian Shane Burkeen

Dear Ms. Watson:

On March 27, 2018, Jeffrey R. Smith, Indian River County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, sent a letter to Virlinda Doss, Executive Director of the State of Florida Commission on Ethics concerning Brian Burkeen. In that letter Mr. Smith attached a copy of the Arrest Warrant for Mr. Burkeen concerning theft of County property, which occurred while he was employed with Indian River County. Since that time, I have filed on behalf of Indian River County a separate complaint with the Commission on Ethics relating to this same matter.

Please be aware that I want to make it known that Indian River County opposes any distribution to Mr. Burkeen, including that portion of the investment plan account attributable to the employee contributions, until this case has been resolved. The severity of the allegations warrant the withholding of funds pending the outcome of a final judicial determination, so that Indian River County can recover a portion of the taxpayer dollars that Mr. Burkeen has been charged with stealing.

Sincerely,

Dylan Reingold County Attorney Indian River County

cc: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator